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Dear Colleague,

At the meeting of the Distribution Commercial Forum on 2nd of March 2005, it was agreed that a two tier approach should be adopted to the consolidation of the existing DUoSA. This involved continuing the work of the existing specifically focussed groups and the development of a new overarching group. It was agreed that the existing focussed groups would fall under the overarching group and report back to it to facilitate the co-ordinated development of a consolidated text.

Currently, two focussed sub-groups exist, dealing with credit cover and distributed generation (DG) respectively. It was envisaged that the distributed generation sub-group might also consider which aspects, if any, of the existing connection agreements pertaining to larger sites would be amenable to standardisation.

It was agreed that the overarching group would take responsibility for the consolidation of all other aspects of the DUoSA not covered by the focussed groups. Attached to this communication is a document which Ofgem believes to be a template DUoSA. Ofgem suggests that the inaugural meeting of the overarching group be convened on Monday 21 March 2005 at 10.30am at Ofgem offices. Ofgem invites parties to consider in detail, in which respects, and to what extent, the use of system agreements that they have in force differ from the template. It is anticipated that the group might discuss how to develop the consolidation of these terms on this basis.

During its discussions on 2 March the DCF established that the Commercial Operations Group (COG) were taking on the work of the DG to produce standardised drafting on certain connection aspects for distributed generation. Since the DCF meeting on 2 March, the Credit Cover Group has met once and commenced work to produce standardised credit cover terms.

It may be appropriate for the chairs of the Credit Cover and COG groups to report to the overarching group on 21 March regarding the progress made and work plan. In addition it may be appropriate for the chair of the DG sub-group to report on work DG sub-group may take which is not being covered by the COG.

If you wish to volunteer as a member of the overarching group please respond using this link. steve.mackay@ofgem.gov.uk.

Regards

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